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An Epistle to be read in all the Assemblies of the Righteous.

ALL my dear Friends every where, live in the Noble Seed *CHRIST JESUS* the Saviour and the Anointed One, and the Righteous Holy One, that your Minds, Hearts, Souls, Spirits and Bodies may be Righteous, living in the Righteousness of *Christ Jesus* in all Love, Virtue, Truth and Holiness, without which none can see God: for the Lord loveth the Righteous, and the Righteous be in Peace, and all workers of Iniquity shall stop their mouths: The Throne of Iniquity must down, and the Chamber of Imaginary in every heart; for the Lord must have the heart, for it is his offering and sacrifice: all lips must be pure, and hands clean, that confess the Lord *Jesus Christ*, and all tongues and eyes single to God and one another; and all mind the Lord's business in the Truth, and to be given up to him, and in it, serving the Lord God in newness of life; that all your feet may be guided in the way of peace, and to walk upright before the Lord in his way, which is *Christ Jesus* the Light, which is perfect. This is the way of the Just, which is a shining Light; and in this Way (*Christ the Light*) is the living God well pleased with you. And you that grow rich in the World in earthly things, who have had a stirring in you formerly in the service of God, take heed lest your minds run into your outward businesses, about outward things, and therein be lifted up above the good and just Spirit, and so leave the service of the Lord and his business, in minding your own: for outward riches, and the things of this World, will pass away with the outward riches therein, for they have wings; but the Word of the Lord, which lives and abides, and endures for ever, will remain. Labour for the riches of it, for that will indure with you; and seek the Kingdom of God, which will never have an end, that stands in Righteousness and in Holiness, in which you have joy and peace in

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the holy Ghoſt; then all outward things will follow, which is below; ſo that in Righteouſneſs, Holineſs and Truth, as juſt men and holy men, and men fearing God, and as righteous men, Sons and Servants and Children of God, you may all live, in all Righteouſneſs, Holineſs, Pureneſs, Truth, Juſtice and Equity, in all manner of life and converſation; ſo that your converſations may ſhine as lights of the World, knowing that all unrighteouſneſs, uncleanneſs, unholineſs, unjuſtice, untruth and impurity is not of God, but is out of the Kingdom of God; and likewiſe all Cheaters and Cozeners, who do enrich themſelves by falſhood; and all Drunkards, Adulterers, Whoremongers, Fornicators, Murderers, Idolaters and Lyars, theſe works and workers are out of the Kingdom of God and his Power, and they be of their father the Devil, who is out of the Truth; and therefore in the Truth live, which the Devil and his works are out of; and that Truth makes you free: in which Truth and Spirit is God worſhipped. All violent doers, curſed ſpeakers and ſwearers be out of the *Truth* and the *Command* of *Chriſt Jeſus*; and therefore live you in the Love of God, in which you may be ſenſible of his Mercies, in which Love you live, in the pure humility which you learn of *Chriſt Jeſus*: for preſumption is learned of *Adam* in the fall, of the Serpent that brought him into the fall, where all the defilement is, and the prophaneneſs: being in the Whoredom from God, where all manner of Whoredom and Uncleanneſs is, and Deceit and Falſhood, the Lyar and all ſin and unrighteouſneſs and tranſgreſſion: and this is comprehended all in *Adam* and *Eve* in the fall, and his ſons and daughters, with the Serpent that brought them into the fall, whoſe head *Chriſt* comes to bruiſe, that is, to break his power and ſtrength, and to cruſh him to pieces; that is, to deſtroy him and his works. And *Chriſt* is pure, the holy One that doth this, the Righteous One, the Sanctified One, and in him live, the ſecond *Adam* that never fell; then ſhall you come to know a ſtate, that will never fall, with me, in that which is firſt and laſt; for *Chriſt* that ſanctifies; he who is pure, ſanctifies the impure; he who never fell, ſanctifieth and waſheth them that be in the fall; he who never tranſgreſſed, redeems out of tranſgreſſion; he who never ſinned, redeems out of ſin, and makes an end of it; and he who never treſpaſſed, comes

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to forgive treſpaſſes, and blot them out: and every one that comes to witneſs this forgiveneſs by him, who have been the treſpaſſers againſt God, they cannot but forgive men their treſpaſſes againſt them, as they come into the Kingdom of Glory and Life, where the Lord hath his Glory. O the Glory of the Lord which laſteth for ever! And Glory, Glory be to him for ever, whoſe everlaſting Glory and Life and Power ſhines over all, and ſpreads it ſelf, and puts forth it ſelf over all.

O Friends, let Righteouſneſs flow amongſt you all, Truth and Equity, Uprightneſs and Holineſs, which becomes the Houſe of God; and live in the holy Order of the Life, Spirit and Power of the everlaſting God. Keep in the Faith that works by Love, that purifieth your hearts, the myſtery of which is held in a pure Conſcience; which Faith brings you to have acceſs to God, and gives you victory over that which ſeparates you from God. This is that by which you ſubdue Mountains, and quench the fiery darts of Satan, and overcome him withal; and in this you have all pure unity; and you edifie and build up in the holy Faith the Gift of God; and this is that which is to be contended for, which is the ſame that was once delivered to the Saints. O live in the pure Hope, which purifies you as he is pure; which Hope is Chriſt, who was before the Hypocrites hope was, who both (him and his hope) are impure; and ſo feel *Chriſt* your Hope, which anchors your immortal ſoul, that ſtayes it in all waves, ſtorms and tempeſts, and is ſure and ſafe in all weathers, *CHRIST*, who *is the ſame to day as he was yeſterday*, ſo no new thing; for he is the Rock of Ages, who was before Ages, who is the *Corner Stone*, and alſo the *firſt* and *laſt*; who will cruſh and bruiſe to pieces all giddy wandring and unſtabliſhed ſpirits, and confound them who are cunning, and hunt before the Lord; for the Lord ſhould go before them, he ſhould be the Guide; for they that hunt before him, will not have the Lord to be their Guide, *who is the ſame to day as he was yeſterday, and ſo for ever*; for *Adam* and *Eve* did not abide in their poſſeſſion, nor *Cain*, nor *Core*, nor *Baalam*; ſee what came upon them, and what was their end. And likewiſe the *Jews* did not abide in the poſſeſſion of the Law of God, which was juſt and holy. And alſo the *Apoſtatized Chriſtians* have gone from *Chriſt*, and did not abide in him, *who is the ſame to day, yeſter-*

yesterday, and for ever, therefore they are gone into so many wayes, and seek after so many new wayes, and run into so many fables; as though Christ who is obeyed one day, should not be obeyed next day: and this is disobedient *Cain*, wandring in the Land of *Nod*, smiting at *Abel*, who obeys Him who is the same to day as he was yesterday, and so for ever; yea, *a Lamb slain from the Foundation of the World*; who reigns over that nature that hath slain him, and will reign till he hath put all under his Feet. And therefore, *Friends*, in Christ live, and in him walk, hear, obey and follow, who is the same to day as he was yesterday, and so for ever. And so you that are the true Believers, who are past from death, and sin that brought it, and the Devil the Author of it, and are come to the Life of *Christ Jesus*, who (as I said before) *is the same to day as he was yesterday*, if your belief stands in him that is the *first and last, the same to day, yesterday, and for ever*. And this is the Believer that is born of God, the immortal Birth; and this Birth is he that overcomes the World, that doth not sin, and keeps himself, because he is born of God, and the Seed of God remains in him; and hereby the Children of God, and the true Believers are manifest from the false believers and children of the Devil. *He that doth Righteousness is of God; he that doth not Righteousness, is not of God.* Therefore you that feel the Law of the *Spirit of Life* in *Christ Jesus* to have put down the *law of sin and death* in you, that Authority, or putting it down; be ye ordered by the *Law of the Spirit of Life* that is in *Christ Jesus*, which makes you free from the *Law of sin and death*: So in this *Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus* have you fellowship, order, rule and government in the *Law of Life*, and in the *Law of Peace* that gives Victory, which *Christ Jesus* is the Author of, who renews you up into the *Righteousness* and *Holiness* in the Image of God, out of the *Unrighteousness* and *Unholiness* and the image of Satan. Here the *Lord* hath the glory, and *Christ* your holy Redeemer and Saviour is confest, to the glory of God. So wait that you may all sit down in Christ, who is the *first and the last*, and the Image of God and Wisdom of God; that by his Wisdom, which is pure, righteous and holy, you may come to order all things to God's glory.

Now *Adam* fell from that state God placed him in; and in the fall

fall, *Adams* ſons and Daughters fall from way to way of their own. But for Man and Woman to come out of all the National Wayes, Religions, Churches, Worſhips, Fellowſhips and Teachers, to the ſtate that *Adam* and *Eve* was in before they fell, and before all thoſe ways, before-mentioned, were; that's a ſtate of danger, where he may fall again: but, to come to *Chriſts ſtature*, and to Him before the World began, who is *Firſt* and *Laſt*, *Beginning* and *Ending*, ſuch ſhall know a ſtate that will never fall. For *Adams* ſtate before he fell, was above all the earthly and worldly-wiſe and knowing, and their dark Underſtandings and perverſe Ways, which their perverſe Spirits leads into; where all manner of uncleanneſs, unrighteouſneſs, falſities, puffing up, and pride, and all the crooked, rough, croſs ways, and the Mountains of Sin, who are become graves for the Juſt, and priſons for the Spirit. *Adams* ſtate before he fell, is beyond all this, who fell into this; but *Chriſt* that never fell, is a ſtate beyond *Adam*, and he is to be heard and followed, that never fell; and in him are People to ſit down, who is the Reſt and Peace and Life, who deſtroyeth the Devil and his Works, and makes an end of Sin, together with ungodlineſs and unrighteouſneſs; which hath diſhonoured God; ſo bruiſeth the Head of the Serpent, and breaks his power, and cruſheth him to pieces, that the Seed *Chriſt* may riſe in all, which honoureth the Father. Now this being manifeſt and known in all, then the Lamb is known to have the Victory, which hath been ſlain from the foundation of the World; and then in the Seed you come to know your Election before the World began. And here the Lord's Words are fulfilled, *his Glory he will not give to another*, who deſtroyeth that that took the Glory it ſelf, which brings up that Noble Seed and Plant in Man which gives the Glory to God. And here as you live in the Seed *Chriſt Jeſus*, your Election you know before the World began, and Reprobation ſince the World began. For *Core*, *Cain*, *Iſhmael*, *Eſau*, *Sodom* and *Egypt* ſpiritual and temporal, have been ſince the World began. For *Egypt* is Thraldom, Bondage, and Anguiſh and Darkneſs, and *Sodom* is Whores, and *Cain* diſobeyed the Voice of God, and *Core* gainſaid the Law; and whoſoever feels all this nature in them, they are Veſſels of Wrath; and let them not complain and ſay, *why haſt thou made me thus? For there are Veſſels of Honour,*

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and Vessels of Dishonour; *Vessels of Mercy*, *and Vessels of Wrath*; and *it is not in him that willeth and runneth, but in God that sheweth Mercy*. Now *Esau*, the first birth, signifieth a Worker: *Jacob* is the second birth, signifieth a Supplanter; and when *Jacob* hath supplanted *Esau* the first birth, prophane nature, *Jacob* is called *Israel*, that is as much as to say, *Thou hast power with God now*. So where the Election is risen, and hath put down *Cain*, *Core*, *Egypt*, *Sodom*, the first birth slain, which brought all the Wrath into his Vessel, and the old Bottle broken: here is a new Bottle that holdeth the new Wine, and *Vessels of Honour*, and *Vessels of Mercy* in the Election, before the World began: And you have all things made new, *a New Heaven, and a New Earth*. And all Friends that be in any manner of Sufferings, *Imprisonments*, or *Banishments*, for Christ and his Truths sake, live in *Christ*, and sit down in him, in whom you have all peace, life, virtue and rest in *Christ Jesus*, who was before all that was that makes to suffer, and will remain when it's all gone; and was the First and Last, the Beginning and Ending, the same to day, yesterday and for ever; In Him sit down and live, that doth not change; Then your Religion doth not change, your Worship doth not change, your Way doth not change: for Christ being your Way, who is the same to day, yesterday, and for ever, and your Fellowship and Unity and Community doth not change, being with the Father who doth not change, but is the same from everlasting to everlasting: And they whose Religion, Fellowship and Worship changes and gads about, and changeth their ways, are fickle, and have itching ears after the ways that change from Christ that doth not change, who is the Way, the same to day as he was yesterday, to be walked in.

And all Friends that be in any Temptations or Troubles, look at Christ who bruiseth the Serpents head, your Adversary, your Enemy, your Tro[illegible]er, your Tempter, your Defiler, your Accuser, the wicked one, fear him not, but look at *Christ Jesus* that bruiseth his Head, breaketh his Power and Strength, and crusheth him to pieces; in *Christ you have Peace*, which was before the Devil was; reign in him, *Christ Jesus*, who is your Light, and Life, and Salvation; and fear God, and give [illegible]ory, glory to him for ever; for this Serpent the Enemy, the Adversary, the Devil, the Wicked One, the Dragon, the

the Accuſer, the Tempter, he tempted Chriſt to the Creatures, to the Glory of the World, to worſhip him, to deſtroy himſelf; but *Chriſt* bruiſeth his Head, breaks his power and ſtrength, and cruſheth him to pieces, and deſtroyeth him and his Works; ſo in him live and rejoyce, in whom you have peace, and life, and dominion, in him who was before the Serpent was, the firſt and the laſt, the ſame to day, yeſterday and for ever.

Ah my dear Friends and Brethren every where, The Power of the Lord God that is over all, live in, that you may feel a Unity and Fellowſhip in the Power of the Lord God: that through that Power of the Lord God, you may all come to be Heirs of the Power of an endleſs Life; through which you may inherit Eternity, or inhabit Eternity, and ſo to feel Life Eternal abiding in you, which the Manſlayer hath not Eternal Life abiding in him; that is, he that envies his Brother: So all the Perſecutors that envy their Brethren, have not Eternal Life abiding in them: Under this all the Perſecutors about Church, Religion, Worſhip, Faith, Miniſtry and Fellowſhips, envious Perſons, having not Eternal Life abiding in them, are comprehended. Therefore you all feel this Eternal Life abiding in you; And he that hath the Son of God, hath Life-Eternal in him; And ſo in this Eternal Life, you have an Eternal-Fellowſhip with God and his Son, and with one another. And in this the Law of Life that is in Jeſus Chriſt, paſſeth ſentence on the Law of Sin and Death in every man and woman, and brings it to the execution. Through which Law of Life Righteouſneſs flows and runs down as a ſtream, and alſo Juſtice and Truth. Here by this Law of the Spirit of Life in Chriſt Jeſus (mark, in *Chriſt Jeſus*) you come to know the Lambs Throne, and the Throne of Iniquity thrown down, its mouth ſtopped, and the Chambers of Imaginary thrown down, and the Houſhold of God raiſed up; The fruitleſs Trees thrown down, and the Plant of God raiſed up, which is of his own planting, a *Tree of Righteouſneſs*, whoſe Fruit is unto Holineſs, whoſe end is everlaſting Life. So mark here the fruits of this *Tree*, and the end of this *Tree*: by this you diſtinguiſh man's planting, and then mans plucking up; and God's building you all diſtinguiſh from man's building; and man's plucking down, and

man's gathering together, you that are gathered in the Name of *Jesus* distinguish, and their scattering: Oh therefore be valiant for the Truth, which you are come to the knowledge of, and worship God in that Truth that the Devil is out of, and abides not in; this makes you free from the Devil and his works, that be out of Truth. Here in this Worship, in the Truth, and in the Spirit, the living God, who is a Spirit, the God of all Truth, he hath his glory and his honour from the Spirit of the Lord in every heart: and so keep in the Spirit and Truth and Power of the Everlasting God, who is from everlasting to everlasting, that you may know him Lord of the Earth, and of Heaven, and of the Heaven of Heavens, Ruling and Reigning, whose eye is over all his Works, that you may glorifie him in his Power and Spirit, and serve him in the New-Life; which will keep you over all mens Fables, and Devices, Whimsies and Imaginations, out of all Janglings and vain Disputes of men of corrupt minds; and so for you all to live in that which is the same to day as was yesterday, *Christ Jesus*, the Power of God, and the Seed of Life, and Word which was in the beginning; so no new thing, but that which was and is to all Eternity: Let your Fellowship be in that, and your Unity and Communion be in that; for this is seen by the Eternal Eye, the Eternal Unity, and the Eternal God. So hear his Voice every one of you that speaks from Heaven, whose Voice shakes the Earth, and not the Earth only, but Heaven also. The Heaven signifies Joys: So all the false joys, the lifted-up joys, or exalted joy, and joys in vain-glory, and joys in the World, or any outward thing or creature, and men or women: His Voice that speaks from Heaven, shakes the Earth and the Heaven; and this must be shaken and removed, both the Heavens and the Earth, before that do appear that can never be shaken, the Noble Royal Seed, elect and precious, before the World began, being Heirs of Him, come to inherit Him. In Him you shall know that which cannot be shaken, and there is the true Joy, the standing Joy, in that which is from everlasting to everlasting, who is the beginning and ending. Here is not any either lifted up or fallen down to despair. So I say, hear his Voice, harden not your hearts: for not hearing the Voice, you harden your hearts, and then you provoke God to wrath and sore displeasure. Let him have your ear

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that ſpeaks from Heaven, till you come to obſerve his Counſel, teaching Inſtruction and Direction for all the Prophets and holy men of God: and the Apoſtles were attentive and obedient to this heavenly Voice, who witneſſed to the Truth, who had a witneſs in Heaven alſo; and ſuch declared forth the glorious Truth which they had from the Inſtructions of the Almighty, as you may read throughout the Scriptures, what glorious Expreſſions and weighty Truths they declared, whoſe ears were attentive to Him that ſpoke from Heaven, and how alſo they declared againſt them that ſtopped their ears, and cloſed their eyes, and hardened their hearts: For ſuch whoſe ear is not attentive to the heavenly Voice, but to the earthly; and ſo if the earthly, and the ſin and evil have the ear, it will fill it with that which is bad, and harden the heart, and choak the good; therefore the Lord muſt have the ear, who is the Ruler of Heaven and Earth. And as your ears are attentive to the Lord's Voice that is from Heaven, Iniquities mouth is ſtopped in you, the Throne of Iniquity is thrown down in you, that is the wicked ſpirit and power where Iniquity ſits, and the chambers of Imaginary are thrown down in you, where all thoughts & imaginations are. As the ear is attentive to the Voice of him that ſpeaketh from *Heaven*, you will come to the Throne of the *Lamb*, which is the *Power*, who hath the Victory and the Dominion, that all may live there in the everlaſting Power of God, that goes over all deceit; which was before deceit and darkneſs was; and alway feel a growing in the Power of the Lord God, that is univerſal and everlaſting; that you may be all Heirs of the Power of an endleſs Life, and come to inherit it and poſſeſs it, and ſit down in the poſſeſſion of the ſame; that every ones lot may fall in the Land of the Living, where the Lord hath his glory and his honour for ever and ever. O the Glory, Glory of the Lord, that ſpreads it ſelf over all! and here you have his ſavour, and can taſte your meat in the Power of the *Lord God*, feeding upon every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God, having every ear attentive to his Voice. In this you grow up in the *Life* that is Eternal.

THE END.